



Alta Loma Park is located on 5.66 acres at 26126 Delos Drive. Its name means "rising ground or high hill" and is most appropriate to the setting at the top of a hill. The name was changed from Victoria Knolls "sand pit park" to Alta Loma Park in 1967. The Alta Loma location affords South Bay residents one of the most magnificent views of Torrance and the South Bay area.

Overcoming 15 years of obstacles, the park was finally acquired in 1965 from the Chandler Palos Verdes Sand and Gravel Company, which had formerly been used as a sand and gravel pit; it was developed up to 1971 and officially dedicated on April 10, 1971. Located near the Victoria Knolls Tract Homes and the Rolling Hills Country Club this park is unique because it is the homeland of a flock of wild peacocks.

This park also contains a children's play area, open meadow, picnic area, basketball hoop, a recreation building and a walking path. Four trips around the walking path add up to a little more than a mile (one trip is .26 miles). It is a popular location for small birthday parties and other family gatherings. Alta Loma is handicapped accessible.

On June 12, 1993, the park recreation building, which includes a meeting room and kitchen accommodating 66 persons, was named after Ruth Hayes. Mrs. Hayes lived adjacent to Alta Loma Park and became its "guardian" locking the gates every night. She looked over the park and its visitors. Mrs. Hayes was a community leader, Hillside Homeowner's Association Executive Board Officer, Neighborhood Watch Block Captain and recipient of the Torrance Parks and Recreation "Citizen of the Year" award in 1984.

Construction started in 2011 on the Alta Loma Park Building Renovation Project. This project includes the addition of approximately 400 square feet of meeting space, upgrades to the restrooms, electrical system, and a remodeled kitchen. The building is used by the Hillside Homeowners Association, various non-profit organizations, private parties, and TARA, the Torrance Amateur Radio

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Association. The building also serves as a Disaster Center during emergencies. Alta Loma Park is one of Torrance's most scenic parks.